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QUESTION OF THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD

Human rights situation in southern Lebanon and western Bakaa

Report of the Secretary-General

1. At its fifty-fourth session, the Commission on Human Rights adopted resolution 2000/16 entitled "Human rights situation in southern Lebanon and western Bakaa". In paragraph 6 of the resolution, the Commission requested the Secretary-General (a) to bring the resolution to the attention of the Government of Israel and to invite it to provide information concerning the extent of its implementation thereof; and (b) to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session and to the Commission on Human Rights at its fifty-seventh session on the results of his efforts in this regard.

2. In accordance with this request, the Secretary-General addressed on 14 July 2000 a note verbale to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Israel requesting information concerning the extent of the implementation of the resolution.

3. On 16 June 2000, the Secretary-General reported to the Security Council that the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) had completed the verification process, and confirmed that Israeli forces had withdrawn from Lebanon in compliance with Security Council resolution 425 (1978) and met the requirements defined by the Secretary-General (S/2000/590 and Corr.1).

4. No reply had been received at the time of the preparation of the present report.